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THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS
OF SATURDAY NEXT WILL CONTAIN
A WHOLE-PAGE PORTRAIT
OF THE CELEBRATED PEDESTRIAN
MILES, OF BRIXTON,
Who has twice attempted the extraordinary feat of Walking Twenty-one
Miles in Three Hours.
Together with other Interesting Engravings.

WRESTLING.

GREAT MATCH BETWEEN MEADOWCROFT AND ACTON.

On Saturday last about 2000 persons met at the City Grounds, Bradford, Manchester, to witness a match between John Meadowcroft, of Radcliffe, and Joseph Acton, of Hurst, near Ashton, to wrestle the best of three back falls, Lancashire fashion, catch as catch can, for £100 a side, which sum was duly put in the hands of Mr. Holden, of the White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester—Mr. George Piers officiating as referee. The articles stated that neither man was to be rubbed with any resin, greasy or other pernicious drugs, to wrestle in stocking feet, and no foul act to be resorted to.

John Meadowcroft first saw the light on the 23rd of April, 1838, at Radcliffe; consequently he is now over twenty-four years of age. He first defeated Heck of Bury, for £15 a side; was next beat by Robin Clough, of Hollinwood, for £30 a side; defeated Mack, of Birble, for £25 a side; won the champion belt at 6 score 4½; was beat by Tumbo Led, for the belt and £25 a side; he next defeated William Schora, of Ashton, for £25 a side; defeated Robin Clough, of Hollinwood, for £30 a side, at the Copenhagen Grounds; was defeated by Acton, for £25 a side.

Joseph Acton was born at Acton, on February 17th, 1841. He first defeated Thos. Lawton, for £2 10s. a side; beat J. Ashworth, for the same sum; beat Jonathan Haigh, for £5 a side; defeated A. Jones, for £10 a side; defeated J. Matley, for £20 a side; defeated Sam Wolstenholme, of Clifton, for £25 a side, at the Salford Borough Gardens; drew £15 forfeit from Meadowcroft; he next defeated Meadowcroft, for £25 a side and the champion's belt; was beat by Robin Clough, of Hollinwood, for £25 a side.

About three o'clock in the afternoon both men entered the arena, Meadowcroft being attended by Thomas Openshaw, his trainer, and William Schora, of Ashton; whilst Acton had secured the services of John Cross and his brother, John Acton. The betting opened at 5 to 4 on Meadowcroft, but it soon veered round and became 6 to 4 on Acton. All the preliminaries being duly arranged, the men shook hands, and at once set to business—Acton's wiry appearance and active calling forth great applause, whilst the superior strength of Meadowcroft soon showed to great advantage, he sometimes lifting up his opponent and dashing him to the ground. However, in thirty-two minutes Meadowcroft was over. Acton in a critical position, and rolled him over. After resting ten minutes they again came to the mark, when it soon became evident that Acton wished to prolong the game, and as the rain came down pretty severely the ground was soon in such a state that it was bad footing; but after tugging away for one hour and a half Meadowcroft again brought his man to his "mother earth," and won the match.

A large portrait of Meadowcroft is in hand, and will appear in an early number.

R. HOLDEN AND J. SLEDDEN.—The great wrestling match between R. Holden, of Scout Moor, and J. Sledden, of Bury, for £10 a side and the claim of the champion cup given by Mr. Gregson, proprietor of the Waterfall Grounds, Bolton, for men not exceeding 5 score 15½, came off at the above grounds, on Monday last, Sept. 29th. This being the third day which these two men have met, it caused a good deal of speculation by the backers of both parties, who mustered in strong force at two o'clock, the appointed time. Holden, having a fall in, was the favourite at 2 to 1; but he did not gain his conquest so easily as was expected. However, after about fifty minutes' hard work, he succeeded in throwing his man, which makes him the holder of the cup at the present time.

HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS, OLDHAM.—On account of the wrestling match, for £15 a side, between Eliza Buckley, of Millbottom, and Thomas Schora, of Ashton, two out of three back falls, Lancashire fashion, which came off here to-day (Saturday), Mr. J. Seville, of the Crown and Cushion, Oldham, now holds £10 a side. The remainder of the money has to be staked to-day by two o'clock. To be in the ring at three o'clock.

LAWN BILLIARDS.—OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE RACERS GROUNDS, HANSTEAD ROAD.—A handsome silver tankard will be given by Mr. Johnson, to be played for the above game, at his house, on Monday, October 13. Each player will be handicapped. Entrance fee and further particulars can be ascertained by applying to him.

SWIMMING.

GREAT SWIMMING FETE AT THE LEAF-STREET BATHS, MANCHESTER.

On Friday evening last there was a swimming fete at the above-named baths for the benefit of Professor Poulton, upon which occasion three handsome cups were given by the Professor for competition.

AMATEUR PRIZE CUP. open to youths under fifteen years of age, who never before gained a prize—distance 100 yds. There were eighteen entries for this prize, and it was won, after some close contests, by Master T. B. Stanley; Master E. Schofield second.

AMATEUR PRIZE CUP. The open to men of all ages who never before gained an open prize—distance 200 yds. For this prize there were twenty-two entries; the heats were spiritedly contested, many of them being won by a yard only. Mr. Blackstock was the winner; Mr. Schofield second.

PRIZE CUP. open to all comers—distance 300 yds. Seven entered for this prize, including the names of Mr. E. B. Mather, the champion of England (who did not swim), J. Aspinall, and Messrs. W. Kewley, D. Meakin, J. Hewitt, P. Johnson, and C. Donahay. This was also a well-contested race; the final heat between J. Aspinall, P. Johnson, and W. Kewley (a very fast swimmer of Liverpool), was won by J. Aspinall; P. Johnson second.

The Professor next gave a specimen of his ability by going through a portion of his extraordinary feats, which are at once the envy and admiration of all swimmers. He swam the length of the bath (27½ ft) in three strokes; eat, drank, and smoked under water, and revolved on the water in his usual inflexible style, amidst enthusiastic cheering. There was also a display of double floating by R. Elton, Esq., and the Professor, the postulations being cleverly and gracefully executed. Mr. Morris Roberts threw two back somersaults off the gallery railings, thirty feet high, into five feet of water, for which daring act he was much applauded. The sports were brought to a close with a friendly match of ten lengths of the bath between Messrs. Mather and Johnson, and won by the

former. The swimming was altogether of a superior kind, and shows that Manchester is second to no place in the cultivation of this useful art. The bath was crowded in every part by a highly respectable company.

COURSING.

There will be a rabbit coursing sweepstakes for dogs of all weights at the City Grounds, Bradford, Manchester, to-day (Saturday). Prizes, £3; entrance, 2s. 6d. each; dogs under 21lbs, 1s. 6d.; under 17lbs, 1s. each. To commence at three o'clock precisely.

On Monday last a coursing sweepstakes took place at Crompton Gardens, Sheffield, under the management of Mr. Joseph Barker, of the Greyhound Inn, Pinfold-street, who gave £3 10s. to be divided into three prizes—£2 10s. for the first, 12s. for the second, and 5s. for the third—for dogs of all sizes; entrance, 3s. each; dogs not exceeding 17½ allowed to enter for 2s. each. The rabbits were allowed 50 yds law. Thirty-six dogs contended, and there was a very good attendance. The following is the result of each course—First ties: Bray's Nell beat Barker's Daisy; Johnson's Dash beat Syddall's Fly; Cartwright's Jack beat Thompson's Fly; Harrison's Rose beat Roberts' Robtall; Cope's Bell beat Johnson's Nell; Rodgers's Fly beat Whittaker's Ben. After

an undecided course Syddall's Polly beat Smith's Luce; Holland's Gem beat Harrison's Spot; Barker's Luce beat Jeffcock's Cossy; Ashmore's Spark beat Thompson's Jip; Syddall's Skip beat Whittaker's Jess; Walker's Jack beat Barker's Jessie; Wadsworth's Skip beat Allen's Spark; O'Brien's Hector beat Rhodes's Fly; Homer's Twist beat Barker's Mischief; Cope's Polly beat Barker's Myrie. After an undecided course Barrett's Dinah beat Cope's Fan; Johnson's Spot had a bye, in consequence of the dog he was drawn with not being produced. Second ties: Dash beat Nell; Rose beat Jack; Cope's Belle beat Fly; Syddall's Polly beat Skip; Luce beat Gem; Spark beat Jack; Skip beat Gip; Twist beat Hector; Cope's Polly beat Dinah. Third ties: Rose beat Daab; Belle beat Syddall's Polly; Luce beat Spark; Twist beat Skip; Cope's Polly had a bye. Fourth ties: Rose beat Polly; Luce was allowed a bye. After an undecided course with Belle, Twist had a bye. Fifth ties: Harrison's Rose beat Homer's Twist and divided the first and second prizes with Barker's Luce. Twist obtained third prize.

HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS, OLDHAM.—A dog handicap, of 200 yds, will take place here on Saturday, October 18 and 28. First prize, £10; second, £1; third, 10s; entrance 2s. 6d. each, to be paid by Tuesday, October 14. All entries to be made at Mr. A. Will's, Werneth, Oldham; Mr. J. Seville's, Crown and Cushion, Oldham; Mr. H. Stephenson's, Grosvenor Arms, Oldham; Mr. J. Hitchen's, 2½ of Moor, Oldham; or at the grounds. Handicap, 2½ yds to the pound inside, and according to merit. Any one entering falsely will be disqualified. Stamps as cash; 40s allowed. Names, weights, and colours to be given at the time of entering.

QUOITS.

At the Stockton Wrestling ground, on Saturday last, about 500 persons assembled to witness a match against Time for £33. William McGregor, of South Shields, the well-known player, had undertaken to play 60 ringers in 60 minutes; distance, quoits, 5½ in diameter; plus lin out of the stiff sticking clay ends, for a bet of £20 to £15 he would perform the feat in the time named. The betting at starting was 7 to 4 against McGregor, which was taken to a large amount; but as the odds changed to 2 to 1 on him with few takers. He continued undauntedly until he had secured 59 ringers in 59 minutes, and he ultimately played the 60 ringers in 48 minutes, thereby having defeated Time by 12 minutes. At the close of the match McGregor was loudly cheered, and every one left the ground highly pleased at this display of the champion's powers.

HUNTING.

THE HUNTING SEASON IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—The coming season, it is probable, will be a pretty brisk one in South Yorkshire. Mr. J. C. Musters has recently renewed his stud, and has assumed his traditional position as M. F. H. The worthy owner of Annesley Park, Colwick, and Wiverton, bids fair to merit in his own person the reputation which he has won as all his successors, of a "Fine Old Englishman." Wiverton Hall is the centre of a district where foxes are unusually plentiful, and there will be no lack of sport nor of hunters. The distance of the places of meeting of the Duke of Rutland's hounds, and frequently also, of the Open Hounds, has long been a matter of difficulty with many fox hunters residing on the confines of the estate of Belvoir, and a district extending thence to the Trent. Mr. Musters' hounds will hunt part of the district formerly belonging to Lord Stamford, with whom he has made arrangements. A series of covers extending along the whole of the former estate, it is said, will be hunted, and in fact cub hunting commenced there a week ago. Of course the Wiverton estate, and also the district on one side to Edwinton and Colwick, and on the other to the heart of the county northwards, will be comprised in Mr. Musters' exploits with his harriers last year have earned him the qualification of being a thorough hunter and master of hounds; and it is probable that he will earn the admiration of all lovers of the good old English sport.



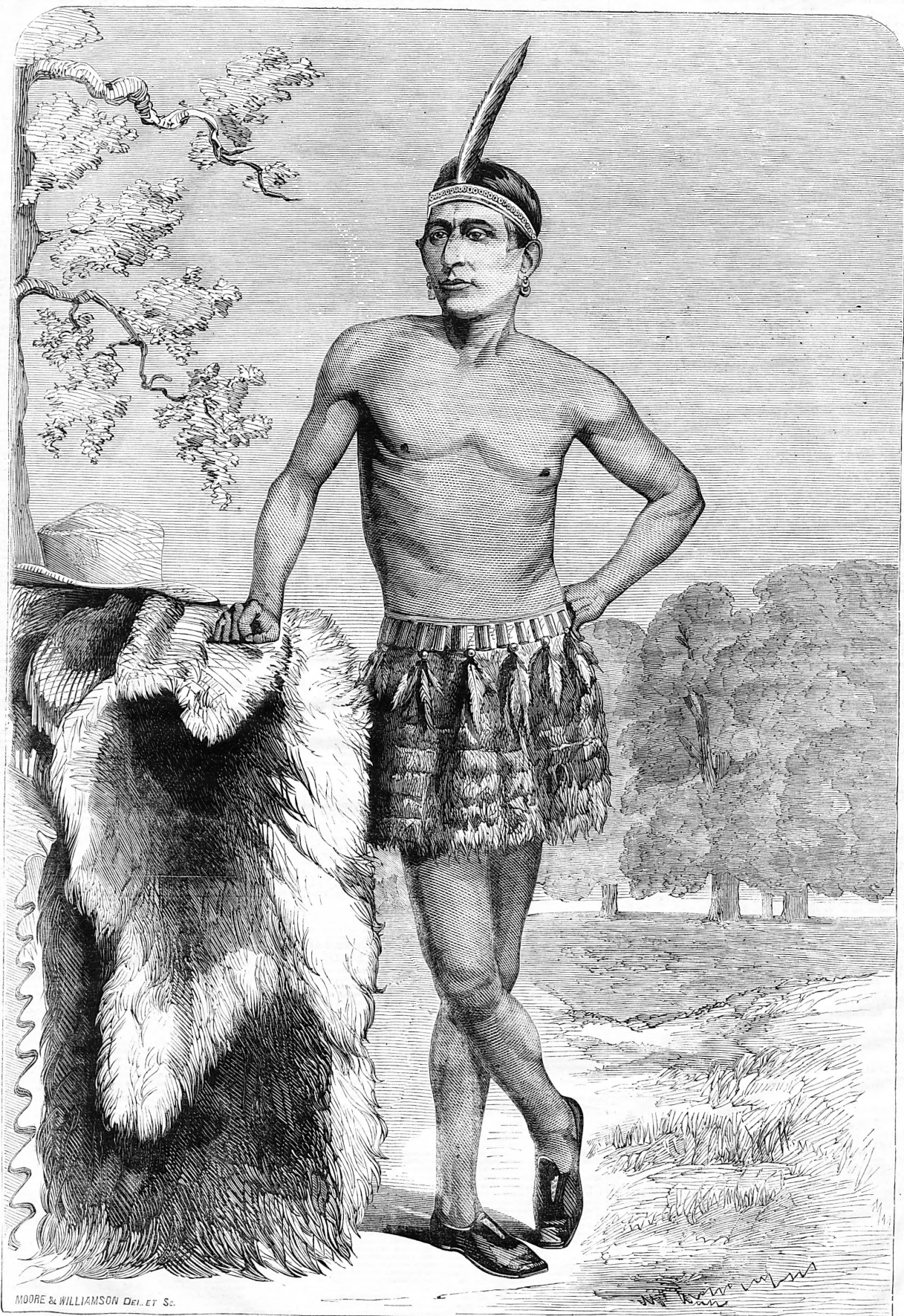
SAM HURST, OF STALEYBRIDGE.

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THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.—The Jurors have Awarded a Prize Medal for "Worthington's Victoria Lozenges," on account of their "Purity and Excellence of Quality," *sic* vide *List of Awards*. These popular Lozenges are particularly favoured, and sold in Packets at 1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., and 1s. 4d. each.



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DEERFOOT, THE RENOWNED SENECA INDIAN PEDESTRIAN.

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